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AS TO OUR COAST DEFENSE.

The Toronto Mail does not have the backing of practical experience in its unfavorable criticism upon Uncle Sam's proposed expenditures for an elaborate and powerful system of coast defenses. The Americans fondly imagine that their battleships and cruisers embody all the modern ideas in both construction and armament. At San Juan and Santiago, however, the most formidable of these fighting machines made little or no impression upon ancient fortifications manned by smooth bore cannon which would scarcely harm a battleship at fifty paces.

If this proves anything it shows that coast defenses properly constructed would make nearly all the principal coast cities of the United States impervious to attacks from an enemy's fleet. For instance, it would not be difficult to imagine the fate of a vessel which should attempt to pass the thirty feet sloping cement embankments and ten-inch disappearing guns at Fort Monroe, and this point is not so well fortified as other places on the coast.

Battleships are necessary and important. On the theory of "putting a thief to catch a thief" they are valuable and useful in following up an advantage and in making a repulse a crushing defeat, but to stop fortifying important places which furnish exceptional advantages for defense would be the height of folly. The American navy should be strong enough to hold its own on the high seas against any fleet in the world. In the meantime, each strategic point on the coast should be so well fortified that not a single one of these warships will be forced to loaf around the harbors doing police duty.

Perhaps if Boston had been properly fortified last summer it would not have been necessary to detach an important squadron to ally the midnight tremulousness of the ancient maiden ladies of that important seat of learning.

There were many disputed military and naval questions which were not settled by the Spanish-American war. This one of the relative merits of battleships and stationary fortifications seems to have been answered beyond all reasonable doubt.

A Boston newspaper, which has been shrieking over the lynching of negroes in the South, raises the war cry against the Yaqui Indians and urges Mexico to exterminate them. Evident philanthropy is one of the greatest articles on the market.—Atlanta Journal.

This is a little bit unjust. Because one editor sees such a remarkable difference between "tweedledum and tweedledee" is no reason why the whole city should be condemned. One swallow does not make a summer.

If the Nashville people elect the Democratic candidate for mayor of that city it is quite obvious that its municipal government will have a good head, if one may judge from the fulsome praise bestowed upon that gentleman.

Sir Thomas Lipton succeeds in something that trophy there will be consolation in the fact that a true sportsman will be the winner. For a man of Dunraven stripe to capture the cup will be an unpardonable freak of fate.

If one may judge by the elaborate apology which was by the elaborate of Thomas W. Pringle the pardon felt quite sure that Governor Tyler case would require a chunk of justification.

## WOMEN'S CLUBS' ODD NAMES.

A Number of Titles Which Are Rather Enigmatis and Difficult to Pronounce.

The woman's club movement has assumed such an extent that it has attracted the attention of the United States department of labor, which has recently issued an elaborate report on the attitude of women's clubs toward social economics, says the Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph. Accompanying the article are some statistics which indicate that there are few settlements of any size in our glorious country without a woman's club. The name, location and purpose of each of 1,283 women's clubs are given in detail, and it appears that this by no means exhausts the list. An examination of the list shows that next to the local title of woman's club Shakespeare's name is a favorite one.

There are a number of titles which are rather enigmatis. What, for instance, is the meaning of "the Leshche," the name of a club at Dalton, Ga.? Then there is the "Nike" of Chicago, the "Theristrial" of Marion, Ia.; the "Anarkrisians" of Sioux City, the "Ammonongia" of Cumberland Mills, Me.; the "Methebesie" of Rockland, Me.; the "Heptorean" of Somerville, Mass.; the "Alsbee" of Grand Rapids, the "Chiropean" and the "Photorene," both of Brooklyn, and the "Ardriebriah" of Providence. Such names as "Telcosnow" and "So-go-ye-wat-ha" are perhaps of Indian origin. There is a frankness in the title of "Old Maids' Social Club" of Woonsocket, which inspires respect. It is, however, doubtful whether anything descriptive is meant by the title of the "Nashaway" club of Nashua, N. H. There is an Anthony club, but no Cleopatra club.

## HONOR DUE TO CANADA.

The First Vessel to Cross the Ocean by Steam Power Sailed from Quebec.

An interesting but little known bit of history in connection with early steam navigation on the ocean was brought to public attention in the recent address of the venerable Kivas Tully on his election to the presidency of the recently organized Engineers' club of Toronto, says the Engineering News.

This was to the effect that to the province of Quebec belongs the credit of having built the first steamship that crossed the Atlantic from either side. The steamship was called the Royal William, commanded by Capt. McDougall, and sailed from Quebec on August 5, 1833, arriving at Gravesend on September 11, having steamed the whole distance.

This seems at first sight to contradict the well-known claim to priority made for the Savannah as the first steamship to cross the Atlantic. The Savannah, however, on her memorable voyage from Savannah to Liverpool (May 26, 1819, to June 20, 1819) used her engines during 18 days and progressed under sail the remainder of the time, the paddlewheels being hoisted on board when not in use.

The Royal William, therefore, appears to have been the first vessel to make the voyage using steam for the whole distance.

## CAR-RIDING MAKES HER SAD.

It Is Because Mothers Ill-Treat Their Small Boys by Pulling Them About.

"I am always made sorry when I ride in the cars, through the shopping districts particularly," says the Chicago Chronicle of a woman, "to see the way mothers ill-treat small boys. It is an ethical cruelty, but quite as disastrous as physical ill-treatment might be, it seems to me. I see poor little fellows of seven and eight, nice little men, who would be manly if they were allowed to be pulled around in the cars, out of the cars, pushed into that seat and out of it into another as if they were so many little dummies.

"They usually are very nearly that, for seven or eight years of such pushing and pulling are enough to take all the spirit out of a small boy unless he has unusual vigor of character. A boy of that age ought to be beginning to look out for his mother and finding seats for her. Occasionally a sensible mother, who treats her boy like a human being, is to be found, and it is a pleasure to see the two together. The boy who is dragged around like a little muff during the early part of his life is apt to come to himself after a time if he is not entirely ruined and then he goes to an opposite extreme, is rude and self-asserting while he is trying to establish an equilibrium, and the mother can't imagine what the trouble is."

## Permanency of Profession.

Col. Bell, the United States consul at Sydney, recently appeared as a witness in the divorce court in that city on the point whether a certain certificate would be accepted in the American courts as formal proof of marriage. "You are a lawyer, I think, Col. Bell," remarked the judge. "Well, no, sir," replied the colonel, with a Mark Twain-like drawl; "I was once, but I have reformed." When the laughter had subsided the bench settled the matter with the dictum: "Once a lawyer, always a lawyer." The colonel then pronounced the certificates valid from the legal American standpoint.

## The Carp a Wonder.

People marvel at the mechanism of the human body, with its 492 bones and 60 arteries. But man is simple in this respect, compared with the carp. That remarkable fish moves no fewer than 4,383 bones and muscles every time it breathes. It has 4,320 veins, to say nothing of its 99 muscles.

## Gloves for German Army Officers.

German army officers are ordered by imperial decree to wear reddish-brown dogskin gloves during the maneuvers.

## THIS CAT REFUSED TO DIE.

How an Intelligent Pussy Put a Stop to a University Professor's Demonstration.

Students of one of the big universities in this city have a cat that has utterly refused to become a martyr to science. Its history is another instance of the refining and elevating influence of science, says the Chicago Times-Herald.

Prof. Blank asked J. P. Morgan, the janitor to get a cat for him, as he wished to illustrate his lecture on "Respiration" by experiments upon the animal. Mr. Morgan succeeded in getting one with the aid of some small boys. When his students had assembled the professor put the cat into the glass receiver of the air pump and began to pump out the air. Before the piston had time to move more than once or twice the cat began to feel very uncomfortable, and, discovering the aperture through which the air was escaping, put her foot on it and thus corked the pipe and stopped the removal of the air.

Several subsequent attempts to carry on the experiments were alike ineffectual, for as soon as the glass cover was put over her and she felt the removal of the air the cat would put her feet over the pipe and keep them pressed there.

The students, struck by the remarkable intelligence shown by the cat, asked the professor to liberate the animal and loudly cheered her self-possession when the cat, after coolly cleaning herself and smoothing her ruffled fur, jumped down and rubbed against the legs of the students sitting on the front bench. She is now permanently annexed to the college and an object of interest to all visitors.

## PLEA FOR THE CODFISH.

A Chief Cook Says This Fish Is Not Appreciated at Its Real Worth.

"If codfish cost a dollar a pound," said the chef, "it would be more universally beloved. I tell you, it is the best dinner fish known. I have tried the whitefish all over the world, but the codfish is king of them all and is not appreciated at his real worth. Cook him in any way you like and he is delicious. Even the dried codfish, picked up and served in cream for breakfast, is a fine dish. Put him in a bag, sew him up tightly and let him boil, or bake him carefully, well stuffed, and he is delicious.

"Let me tell you that when you make fishcakes you should not drown out the fish with potato. Put as little potato or other substance in the cakes as possible, and, if you want them as fine as they can be made, wrap them in a blanket of eggs and do not be sparing of the egg. You can make a tasty dish of codfish cakes if you will follow my advice. Fish cakes are considered a very democratic dish, of course, but my patron, who pays me a large salary, is as democratic as he used to be in his younger days. When he sends down to me an order for fish cakes for the next morning's breakfast he says he wants Meschutt's fish cakes, with egg. That is the order, and he is thinking of his younger life, when, as he once told me, in a basement on Broadway he used to get the finest butter cakes and fish cakes he ever tasted, 'excepting yours, chef,' he adds always. But I know that times in those days were as thousand-dollar bills to him now, and his appetite was keener and more appreciative."

## SHEEP FOUND IN ALASKA.

Flesh Said to Be the Most Delicious of All Wild Game and Is Much Sought.

This rare wild white sheep is found nowhere in the world but Alaska, and few specimens for mounting whole have ever been obtained, says a writer in Outing. This species, named ovis dalli by Prof. Dall, differs from its cousin, the Rocky mountain big horn (ovis montana) in color, ovis montana being a dull brown in midsummer, changing to a grayish drab in winter, with a light ash-colored patch over the rump all the year, while the ovis dalli is snow-white at all seasons; in fact, there is not a colored hair on any part of its body. He is not quite so stockily built as the "big horn," yet more trim and shapely. Two of my specimens stood 42 inches at the shoulder. His limbs are not quite so heavy, and his horns will not average as large at the base, although quite as long. The horns of my largest specimen of 1887 measured 41½ inches in length and 12¾ inches in circumference at the base.

The flesh is the most delicious of all wild game. In the summer this sheep lives chiefly on the rich, succulent growth of the asplenium septentrionale, which grows in the crevices of the rock on the sunny slopes of this rugged range. This beautiful animal must endure great hardships to survive the winters of this icy north.

## In Old Madrid.

A correspondent in the Frankfurter Zeitung draws a lurid picture of the interesting demoralization of Madrid. The present population includes, he says, 20,000 professional beggars, the same number of abandoned women, 5,000 thieves, and there are hundreds of gambling houses.

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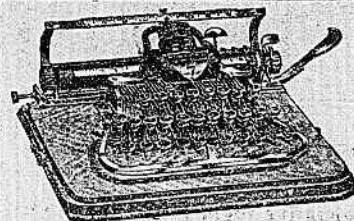
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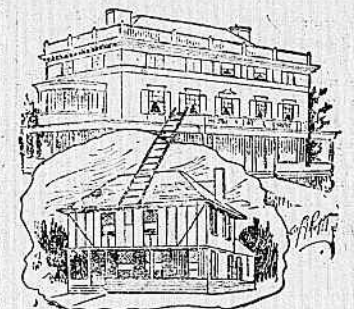
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